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Filed: November 20, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-127067.2	China	April 10, 2002

PUBLICATIONS:

Haiyuan Wu, et al., "Face Detection From Color Images Using a Fuzzy Pattern Matching Method", IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Vol. 21, no. 6, June 1999, pages. 557-563.

Haiyuan Wu, et al., "Face Detection and Rotations Estimation Using Color Information", 5th IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Communication, 1996, pages 341-346.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>
10/617,042	July 11, 2003	2621	Y. Ishida

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

Chinese Patent Application No. 2000-127067.2, filed September 15, 2000, was laid open/published April 10, 2002 (CN-A 1343479). Neither the Chinese Patent document nor an English translation thereof are readily available to Applicants' attorney; however, a copy of the Chinese reference will be submitted upon obtaining same, and an English translation thereof may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base, and U.S. Published Application No. 2002-0081032, which is listed as being in the same patent family, are submitted herewith as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

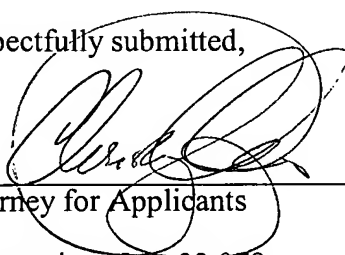
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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